

NPIC/D-316-70
9 October 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Release of "B" Configuration Camera Data

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1. In early October 1970 [REDACTED] with DIA reported that [REDACTED] photo interpreters were having problems with the photographic format of B-configuration camera material which the [REDACTED] had been receiving. The major problems suspected were in measuring objects on the imagery and in locating each frame of photography as it related to maps or other ground information.

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2. A telephone conversation between [REDACTED] (Chief, Special Activities Office, DIA) and [REDACTED] (Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence, CIA) determined that this problem might be best solved by the release of "B" camera configuration data [REDACTED]. This data would cover only the operation of the "B" camera on [REDACTED] missions.

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3. [REDACTED] (Deputy Director, NPIC) on 7 October and related the conclusions of his conversation with [REDACTED]. At the same time, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] of DIA/XX would be the action officer. [REDACTED] was to visit NPIC and work out the necessary details to implement the [REDACTED] agreement.

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4. [REDACTED] arrived at the NPIC promptly at 1000 on 7 October for a meeting held in [REDACTED] office. NPIC attendees at the meeting included [REDACTED] and the undersigned from the Office of the Director; [REDACTED] of APSD/TSG; and Mr. [REDACTED] of RRD/PSG.

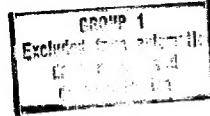
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5. At the outset of the meeting it was determined that only Modes 3 and 4 had been used in [REDACTED] overflights utilizing the "B" camera configuration. The system has five modes. Explanations of only Modes 3 and 4 of the B configuration were to be released to [REDACTED] based on the previously established ground rules. In order to prevent confusion Modes 3 and 4 would be relabelled Modes A and B in the data released [REDACTED]. The group concluded that an explanation of the data block, the "K" factor (aircraft altitude), and a schematic illustrating the camera orientation for Modes 3 and 4 of the "B" camera would be sufficient in answering the requirement.

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6. The meeting concluded at 1030. [redacted] left with working papers which will be the basis for the information to be released. [redacted] indicated that prior to the final dissemination of the camera data [redacted] that he will forward a copy to NPIC for review and retention.

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Assistant to the Director, NPIC

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